THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

[Translation]

AIR Station in Rajasthan

2642. SHRI TARACHAND BHAGORA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the AIR broadcast centres opened in Rajasthan so far; and

(b) the number of such centres proposed to be opened during the next Five Year Plan, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) Presently, seventeen AIR Broadcasting stations/relay centres are under operation in Rajasthan. These are located at Jaipur, Ajmer, Bikaner, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Suratgarh, Kota, Alwar, Nagpur, Banswara, Chittorgarh, Barmer, Sawai Madhopur, Churu, Jhalawar, Jaisalmer and Mount Abu.

(b) During IX Plan, there is a proposal to set up Broadcasting stations at Dungarpur and Sriganga Nagar in Rajasthan subject to the approval by the competent authority and availability of adequate financial resources.

[English]

Construction of Latrines under Rural Sanitation Programme

2643. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the year during which the cost of construction per latrine was worked out last and the total cost so worked out;

(b) the total cost per latrine worked out during 1997;

(c) the reasons for not revising the cost in view of the increased cost of construction; and

(d) the time bound programme for implementing the revised cost of latrines under Rural Sanitation Programme?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) In 1991-92 the unit cost of construction of a latrine under Centrally Sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme was worked out Rs. 2500/-

(b) to (d) Revised cost has not been worked out in 1997. The States/UTs have been permitted to meet the difference between the actual cost and Rs. 2500 from out of their State Sector Minimum Needs Programme.

Panel on Power Plants

2644. SHRI ANANT GUDHE : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government have been drawn to the news item captioned "panel on power plants update on the cards" appearing in the *Financial Express* dated 15.7.1997;

(b) if so, details of the proposal finalised/under consideration of the Government; and

(c) the number of Power Plants in the country requiring renovation/update and estimates of cost involved and strategies finalised to take up the programme to improve power generation through efficient operations of the existing old projects-targets set physical and financial under the scheme State-wise for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has proposed to provide funds at concessional rate of interest through PFC for accelerating the generation programme which would also include R&M activities. Under the programme. PFC would lend money to the State Electricity Boards at interest rate which is proposed to be 4% lower than the normal rate of interest. A sum of Rs. 200 crores has been proposed for meeting the interest subsidy for the year 1997-98. A committee including representatives of CEA. BHEL, Planning Commission and PFC would monitor the progress of R & M programme.

(c) In order to improve the performance of existing old thermal power plants a programme for R&M was taken up in 1990-91 by the Government of India for implementation during the 8th Plan. Under this programme, 44 thermal power stations comprising 198 units aggregating to a total capcity of 20869.435 MW at an estimated cost of Rs. 2383 crores are covered. Similarly. 55 hydro schemes with an aggregate capacity of 9653 MW were identified which required renovation modernisation and uprating. The total estimated cost of these schemes is Rs. 1493 crores.

A Statement showing power stations targetted to be completed during the year 1997-98, State-wise is attached.

Statement

State-wise targetted R&M works during the year 1997-98 (Targetted Stations)

Sl. No.	Name of Organisation/ TPS	No. of activities expected to be completed during 1997-98	Funds required during 1997-98 (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	DVB/IP Station	18	603
2.	HSEB/Faridabad	10	1750
3.	PSEB/Bhatinda	3	1350
4.	RSEB/Kota	5	137
5.	UPSEB/Panki	14	7773
6.	MPEB/Amerkantak Korba (East) Satoura	41	4934
7.	GEB/Ukai, Gandhinagar Dhuvaran, Wanakbori	24	3002
8.	MSEB/Nasik, Koradi Bhuswal Parli, Paras, Chanderpur	22	2847
9.	TNEB/ Ennore	5	1633
10.	APSEB/Nellore	2	8193
11.	NLC (Neyveli)	50	5796
12.	WBPDC/Kolaghat	10	779
13.	DVC/Chanderpura Durgapur	15	663
	Total	219 Nos.	39460 (394.6 crores)

State-wise targetted R&M works during the year 1997-98 (Hydro Schemes)

State	Name of Scheme	Installed Capacity (MW)	Est. Cost (crores)
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh			
	Lower Sileru	4x115	13.35
	Srisailam	7x110	16.32
Gujarat			
	Ukai (U1&3)	4x75	20.17
Himachal Pradesh			
	Bassi	4x15	5.35
Karnataka			
	Sharavanti (U 1 to 8)	8x89.1	65
Maharashtra			
	Koyna-III (U 10-12)	4x80	0.80
Orissa			
	Hirakud-I (1&2)	2x37.5	90.26
	Hirakud-I Switchyard Equipment	-	9.85
	Hirakud-II	3x24	50
BBMB			
	Dehar (U2, 3 & 4)	6x165	46
	Gangwal (U2)	2x24.2+ 1x29.25	18.90

Security Measures in Railway Stations

2645. SHRI SHYAM LAL BANSHIWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have prepared a scheme to ensure effective security measures at all major railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (c) Prevention and detection of crime and maintenance of law and order in trains and railway premises is the responsibility of the State Government concerned, which they discharge through their Government Railway Police (GRP). The Railway Administration, on their parts also maintains close and constant co-ordination with the State Governments concerned and render necessary assistance to them to contain crime on Railway. Concerted efforts are made to ensure escorting of trains, registration of cases, systematic analysis of crime trends and criminal records, constant surveillance and modernisation of the police force.

STD/ISD/PCO Booths in Rajasthan

2646. COL. SONA RAM CHOUDHARY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications received for opening of STD/ISD/PCOs booths in each district of Rajasthan;